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National Advisory Committee
United States Census Bureau
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To Whom it May Concern:

The Asian Community Development Council (ACDC) is a community-based nonprofit serving the growing Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander community (AANHPI) in the state of Nevada. We provide the community with critical resources and services, including youth programs, health insurance navigation, citizenship assistance, rapid rehousing, food assistance and civic engagement programs, such as non-partisan voter registration and voter education.

Our services and programs are data-driven and enlightened by shared cultural backgrounds. Many of our staff are bilingual, and help bridge accessibility gaps in our limited English proficient communities. The AANHPI community is not a monolith, but with people from diverse and unique ethnic and cultural backgrounds. Over the last several decades, the AANHPI community has grown exponentially, despite continuous difficulties in disaggregating data by ethnic communities.

The annual American Community Survey (ACS) released by the Census Bureau has been one of the most insightful data points we rely on, due to the disaggregation of data by households and census tract. We utilize the ACS data for a range of different issues, including informing our service to the community members from limited English proficient (LEP) households, housing status, educational equity, health equity, broadband access, financial empowerment, and insurance coverage and so many more.

As an organization that provides direct and critical services and civic education to the community, and addresses the needs of a growing population, we rely on updated ACS data to continuously improve our internal data on the AANHPI community in Nevada. We hope that the Census Bureau will continue to fund the American Community Survey in the future, as it is one of the only places to get updated

demographic information between the release of Census data every decade. As one of the fastest growing communities in the nation, our community's needs rely on updated information and data.

In addition, **the Asian Community Development Council would like to congratulate and applaud the recent launch of the Office of Strategic Alliances (OSA) - which will have a huge impact on all communities, but especially our AANHPI populations in Nevada going forward.** As a community-based organization that was directly involved in the 2020 Census's Complete Count effort and engaging the Hard to Count (HTC) populations that benefited from strategic partnerships and coalitions, we would like to go on record that this investment is not only highly welcomed, but will be fully supported with coordination and collaboration in our state and region as we work together to promote and uplift the annual American Community Surveys and other efforts from the Census Bureau.

For AANHPI communities, the 2020 Census and the 2021 Redistricting process is a defining moment and we are ready to show the strength of the AANHPI community nationwide. We hope you take into consideration how useful the ACS data is to community outreach and advocacy.

Sincerely,

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